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Victim Assistance

Disability and Health

- Inclusion of Disability & Rehabilitation in the health services
Afghanistan Health System

- MoPH created the Basic Package of Health System in 2003 which is the foundation of Afghan health system to:
  - Improve access of the population to health services
  - Clearly delineate the services that should be provided by each type of PHC facilities
  - Serve the primary health care system of the country

- The Essential Package of Hospital Services created in 2005 to support the BPHS.

Afghanistan Health Service structure

- National Hospital (NH)
- Regional Hospital (RH)
- Provincial Hospital (PH)
- District Hospital (DH)
- Comprehensive Health Clinic Plus (CHC+)
- Comprehensive Health Clinics (CHC)
- Basic Health Clinics (BHC)
- Health Posts (HP)
Inclusion of disability in the health system

- In 2005 the BPHS was revised and seven working principles were identified for the MOPH
  - Disability became the 7th priority of BPHS which includes:
    - Awareness Raising
    - Prevention
    - Early detection
    - Treatment
    - Rehabilitation &
    - Referral

National Disability Survey in Afghanistan

- The Prevalence rate of savoir disabilities is 2.7 %
  - Physical disability 36.5%
  - Sensorial disability 25.5%
  - Mental disability 9.7 %
  - Multiple disability 9.4 %
  - Others 18.8%
Disability is a focus area of MoPH based on:

- The policy of the MoPH is *Health for all*
- Disability is a Human right issue
- Disability is a developmental issue
- Draft National disability legislation
- Afghan National Development strategy (Social protection)
- UN Convention for the Right of Person With Disability (UNCRPD)
- Commitment to the Afghanistan National Disability Action Plan (ANDP)

Present position of disability and rehabilitation in the health services

- Right now disability and physical rehabilitation are part of the health strategies/policies and services
- To prevent disabilities, awareness raising, early intervention, treatment and referral is one of the most important part of the health services at country level
Physical Rehabilitation

- Physiotherapy is well integrated in the DH, PH and RH level
- Very soon orthopedic technology will integrate in the EPHS on regional level.

Services and capacity building

- In 2008 a total of 75,000 people with disabilities received physiotherapy services and 34,000 people orthopedic appliances through 14 orthopedic workshops and 90 physiotherapy clinics covering 28 provinces
- So far 350 head of clinics, CHS and 500 newly graduated doctors received standard training in trauma care, disability and physical rehabilitation
- Development of physical rehabilitation guideline, disability awareness & physical and psychosocial rehabilitation manuals
MOPH commitment toward disabilities

- MoPH has strong commitment for implementation of its responsible parts of the National Disability Action Plan (ANDAP)

- Support the Afghan Physiotherapy Institute diploma level course to well trained 1000 physiotherapists to assist the health service provision system of MoPH

5. Barriers /Challenges

1. Financial resources
2. Insufficient Disability Awareness
3. Low number of trained technical Human resources
Thank you!